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It does raise both the employee and the employer contribution rate to 12 percent, and I really do want to thank the State Patrol for coming forward because it is cutting our deficit by one-half. And that will now leave the state with \$217,101. So thank you, and I ask for your support.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. You've heard the closing on the committee amendments. All in favor of adopting those amendments please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to discussion on LB 514 as amended, is there any discussion? If not, Senator Stuhr, you'd be recognized to close on the advancement of LB 514 to E & R Initial. And Senator Stuhr waives her opportunity to close. The question then before us is the advancement of LB 514. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 514.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 514 does advance. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 917, Mr. President, a bill originally introduced by Senator Wehrbein. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8, referred to the Appropriations Committee, advanced to General File. At this time I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on LB 917.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. This is LB 917. I talked about this briefly or actually in some detail yesterday, so I'm going to do the same thing today only somewhat more briefly. If you recall, a year or two ago, three years ago, a year ago, the University of Nebraska